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District Man Sentenced to 29 years For Murder - Killing Took Place in 2004 -

WASHINGTON - Donnell Longus, 37, of the District, was sentenced today by the Honorable Hebert B. Dixon Jr. in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to 29 years of incarceration after previously being found guilty by a jury of second degree murder while armed and related weapons offenses, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

According to the government's evidence, on December 30, 2004, at the intersection of Saratoga Avenue and 14th Street, NE, Longus was speaking with the victim, Lee Marshall, when the defendant pulled out a .38 caliber pistol and shot him. As Marshall fled, Longus repeatedly fired several more times at the victim, who collapsed seconds later. Marshall, 22, died from his shooting injuries.

In announcing the sentencing, U.S. Attorney Ronald Machen commended the Metropolitan Police Department's Violent Crimes Branch. He also commended MPD Detectives William Xanten and Milton Norris. He also applauded the work of paralegal Fern Rhederick, and litigation services specialist Thomas Royal. Lastly, he thanked former Assistant United States Attorney Magdalena Boynton, who originally indicted the case, Jeff Pearlman, who re-indicted and tried the case, and Bryan Seeley, who co-tried the case.

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